

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

Novel polynucleotides ~~and the proteins encoded thereby~~ are disclosed, such as a polynucleotide including the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:159, a polynucleotide including the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:159 from nucleotide 69 to nucleotide 908, a polynucleotide including the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:159 from nucleotide 270 to nucleotide 908, and a polynucleotide encoding a protein including the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:160.